



March 23, 2009

The Honorable Nathan Deal  
United States House of Representatives  
2133 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-1009

Subject: North Georgia College & State University ROTC Language Hub Pilot Program

Dear Congressman Deal:

The Defense Language Transformation Roadmap establishes a number of transformation goals including development of a cadre of language professionals with ILR 3/3/3 proficiency. The recently published House Armed Services Committee review of DOD language transformation recommends targeted funding of the largest DOD feeder schools ( including senior military colleges) for maximum resource impact, the recruitment of heritage speakers, and the development K-16 strategic language programs as an especially critical need.

Achieving these goals requires comprehensive and revolutionary educational strategies. In its role as a senior military college and as a Cadet Command designated ROTC language hub, North Georgia has developed an innovative proposal that employs a nested concept of mutually reinforcing elements, including consolidation of ROTC and reserve component requirements and the development of K-12 language "pipelines" and supporting language teacher education programs. This initiative, which incorporates the major recommendations of the committee, has an exceptionally high probability of success in meeting DOD goals and serving as a model at other locations if adequately resourced.

Projected DOD strategic language needs require a comprehensive educational strategy. A concept based on multiple partnerships with innovative higher education institutions, particularly senior military colleges with the capability to create pipeline programs, has the highest probability of success. By virtue of its location, DOD mission, high quality teacher education programs, and close engagement with local schools offering strategic language programs, North Georgia is ideally situated to serve as a pilot ROTC language hub. With your support, this pilot program can provide the foundation for a comprehensive strategy designed to meet DOD requirements for a future officer corps with strategic language and cultural skills.

Sincerely,

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